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LETTER DATED 23 AUGUST 1994 FROM THE HEAD OF THE DELEGATION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT MADE BY COUNSELLOR HU XIAODI OF THE CHINESE DELEGATION ON 19 AUGUST 1994 AT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON A NUCLEAR TEST BAN

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a statement made by Counsellor Hu Xiaodi of the Chinese delegation on 19 August 1994 at the NTB Ad Hoc Committee.

I would be grateful if this text could be circulated as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament and a working paper of the NTB Ad Hoc Committee.

(Signed): Hou Zhitong
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and Plenipotentiary
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of China to the CD

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STATEMENT MADE ON 19 AUGUST 1994 BY COUNSELLOR HU XIAODI OF CHINA TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON A NUCLEAR TEST BAN

Mr. Chairman,

I have been directed by the Chinese Government to raise the following points with the CD Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban, and would request you, Sir, and the Committee to take note and put them on record.

Documents CD/NTB/WP.158 and GSE/US/99 have recently been circulated in the Conference and the Ad Hoc Committee. These two documents, on page 7 and the last page respectively, list Beta stations that it is proposed to establish in over 60 countries. Below China, Russia, Japan and so forth there appears the name "Taiwan", associating Taiwan with the names of over 60 countries. In addition, the appellation "Republic of China" has appeared in some materials.

It must be pointed out that the above state of affairs is not proper in the Conference on Disarmament and its ad hoc committees, and that this is a serious matter. It goes without saying that the Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban and the Group of Seismic Experts are subsidiary bodies of the Conference and should function strictly in accordance with its rules of procedure and pertinent resolutions. States Members of the United Nations must abide strictly by the Charter and the resolutions of the Organization.

Mr. Chairman,

As everyone is aware, there is on this Earth only one China, of which Taiwan is a part. The Government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legitimate Government that represents the whole of China, and has been recognized by the United Nations, the Conference on Disarmament and the international community, including all the countries with which it has diplomatic relations. We are resolutely opposed to any practices that might create or promote "two Chinas" or "one China, one Taiwan".

The Chinese delegation has been directed by the Chinese Government to announce that this state of affairs that has arisen in the Conference on Disarmament and its subsidiary ad hoc committees, on a nuclear test ban and so forth, is unacceptable. We again request the United States delegation to rectify the matter. We ask you, Mr. Chairman, and through you, the Conference on Disarmament and its secretariat to take the necessary measures.